

BERESAN

2013 MERLOT

Tasting Notes

Opens with notes of blackberry cobbler, cherry and rhubarb giving way to baking spice, anise and 'Rocks District' earth notes. The palate showcases ripe currants and blackberry with graphite and sweet tobacco leading into a ripe tannin finish.

Production Notes

This small-production, single vineyard, 100% Merlot was harvested from our Estate Waliser Vineyard and showcases the unique terroir of the 'Rocks District' balanced upon the rich structure of Merlot.

Vineyards

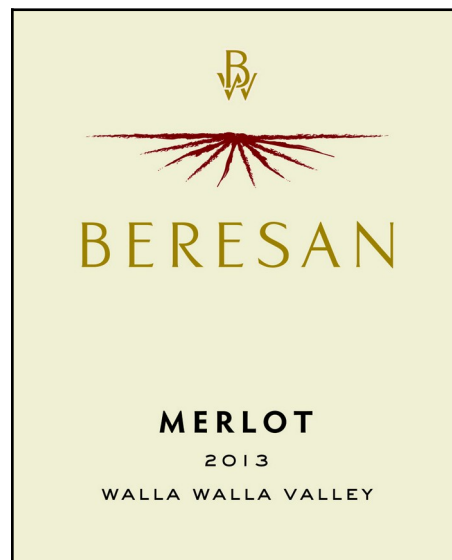
- Estate Waliser Vineyard, 'Rocks District' Walla Walla Valley

Winemaking

- Hand-harvested grapes
- Picked early in the morning
- Small lot fermentations in stainless steel tanks
- The cap was manually punched down twice a day
- The wine was blended and aged for 22 months in French Oak barrels.
- Cross flow filtration prior to bottling

Vintage

- Overall, one of the warmest vintages on record
- Bud break started in early-mid April with bloom in early June, 1-2 weeks earlier than usual
- Warm summer temperatures allowed good ripening, with slightly smaller berries and thicker skins for deep, rich flavors and tannins
- Cool September temperatures slowed sugar accumulation and allowed long hangtime for complex flavor development
- Harvest started on September 4th lasting through the end of October.



Wine Data

Appellation.....Walla Walla Valley
Varietal.....Merlot
Composition.....100%
Merlot
Vineyard.....Estate Waliser
Vineyard
Vintage.....2013

Technical Notes

pH.....3.68
Total Acidity.....6.2 g/L
Alcohol.....14.3 %
Harvest Date.....Sep.10th, 2013